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Bible — Poetry

Bible — Year 3

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Levels:

L is for levels 1st through 4th

M is for levels 5th through 8th

Course Description: Students will be reading through the book of Luke and the poetical books of the Old Testament. Students will also be using *Operation World's* site to read about countries from a Christian perspective and to use their country prayer guides.

Note to parents: the Ls are reading NIrV and the Ms are reading NIV. I don't use the NIV, but I chose these as the most accessible for them. If you want your child to read another version, just click on the link provided and have your child choose your version from the menu above the reading. If you want to learn more about my Bible background and beliefs, [go here](#).

*If you are looking for more copywork, you could have your child choose a verse to write out each day.

Day 1

L

1. This year we will be reading the gospel of Luke. The beginning of Luke you are probably really familiar with. Do you know what story is in the beginning? (answer: the story of Jesus' birth)
2. Read [Luke 1:1-38](#).
3. This was a big deal. Joseph was going to divorce Mary for being pregnant with a baby that was not his child. Mary's whole life could have been "ruined." But she does not argue or complain, she submits to God's plan for her life. This will never happen to you, but if God chooses something hard for your life, do you think you could submit to it cheerfully? The fact is, all Christians will face struggles. God allows them in our lives for His greater purpose. It can be hard to submit cheerfully and trust Him to bring about good from it.

M

1. Read [Luke 1:1-38](#).
2. Why does Luke research what happened and write about Jesus' life as well? (answer: verse 4)
3. We don't know who Theophilus is.
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Day 2

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1. This year we're going to be reading the poetry books of the Bible. One of them is Psalms, a collection of songs. There are many songs in the Bible. Two are in chapter 1 of Luke.
2. Read [Luke 1:39-80](#).
3. What do Mary and Zechariah sing about? (answer: They sing praises to God and they both prophesy a little, tell what is to come.)
4. What does Zechariah's song say about John the Baptist? (answer: He will teach people how to have their sins forgiven to make the way for Jesus to come.)

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Day 3

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2. What do you think the shepherds thought for the next 30 years before Jesus started to doing ministry?
3. Do you think they recognized who Jesus was when He became famous? Do you think they ever saw Jesus again?
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Day 4

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1. Read [Luke 2:21-52](#).

2. Simeon is one of my favorite parts. Here's a [song about Simeon](#).
3. What do you think Mary and Joseph are thinking after what Simeon and Anna said?
4. I've heard people say that they can't understand how Jesus got separated from his parents coming home from Jerusalem. When I was living in Macedonia, I remember being in a Roma (Gypsy) village and my friend losing her two-year old. It turns out a neighbor/relative had invited her to tag along to the store. Jesus' family was with a large caravan. They all knew each other. They were all together. It wouldn't have been unusual for the kids to move freely amongst the group. Plus, Jesus was the oldest of Mary and Joseph's children. They had at least seven. Mary's attention wasn't on making sure Jesus was close by. He wasn't the kind of kid you needed to worry about. He was trustworthy. They didn't have any concern of him wandering off and causing mischief. I think it was a huge shock to them that it seemed like Jesus had done something wrong. Jesus somehow knew that He needed to be in the temple. He thought they must have known too, but they didn't have the same Spirit connection to the Father.
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Day 5

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1. Read [Luke 3:1-20](#).
2. Starting with verse 10, the crowd asks John the Baptist about what they should do. I find it interesting that his answers all relate to money. What are his three answers? (hint: verses 11, 13-14)

M

1. Read [Luke 3](#).
2. What are John's warnings to the crowd? (hint: verses 9 and 17)

Day 6

L

1. Read [Luke 4:1-13](#).
2. What did Jesus use to defeat Satan's temptations? (answer: Bible verses)
3. Can you think of something that you are tempted to do wrong and a Bible verse that you can remember to say to help you make the right choice and win? If you are having trouble, ask your parents to help.

M

1. Read [Luke 4:1-30](#).
2. What can you learn from this chapter about the importance of knowing Scripture? (answer: It is a useful tool for defeating the enemy and resisting temptation.)
3. What do you find most surprising about the second story you read today?

Day 7

L

1. Read [Luke 4:31-44](#).
2. What does Jesus have the power over? (answer: sickness and demons)

M

1. Read [Luke 4:31-44](#).
2. What does Jesus demonstrate in these stories? (answer: authority)
3. What does that mean? (answer: He has the power to demand obedience.)

Day 8

L

1. Read [Luke 5:1-16](#). While you read, try to picture it. These were real people experiencing these things. What did they look like? Sound like? Smell like?
2. In verse 5, what do you think Simon was feeling? What do you think he tried again? (answer: I think he must have been frustrated that they hadn't caught anything, but there must have been something about the way Jesus looked at him that gave him the feeling he better listen and try again.)
3. When they caught fish, Peter confesses that he's a sinner. Why? (answer: Maybe he realized that Jesus performed a miracle and must be a holy man of God.)

M

1. Read [Luke 5:1-16](#). While you read, try to picture it. These were real people experiencing these things. What were they doing? In what tone of voice did they say things?
2. I wonder if Simon (Peter) knew that he was going to say the second sentence when he started the first sentence in verse 5. What do you think? (I think: It seems like he could have been frustrated and then looked at Jesus and was filled with faith to try again.)
3. We can't know exactly everything, but don't forget that these were real people. They didn't know the end of the story like we do. Remember how confusing Jesus was to them! They followed Him without knowing about the cross and Resurrection. It's a remarkable story. Don't forget how amazing this all is!
4. This story is an example of Jesus' sacrificial life. He put Himself on the cross in place of all of us, but that wasn't the only sacrifice He made. Don't forget that Jesus was human too (and divine), but He felt human. He got tired. People were always seeking Him out. He told the leper not to tell, but people found out and even more people wanted to seek

Jesus for healing. He always healed them all. He talked to them. He touched them. He didn't just get the work done. He loved people. How could He live that way? What did Jesus do often? (answer: Got alone and prayed.)

Day 9

L

1. Read [Luke 5:17-26](#).
2. How are our sins forgiven? (hint : verse 20) (answer: by faith)

M

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3. Was Jesus really hanging around with "sinners"? (answer: The people following Him might have been defined by their sin in the past, but those with Him now were defined by being followers of Christ.)
4. What do you think Jesus was referring to talking about old and new wine skins? (answer: This is the old and new covenant. Jesus was coming and was going to give the Spirit to those who believed. This new promise wasn't going to fit with the old way of following the ritual laws of cleansing and such.)

Day 10

L/M

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Day 11

L

1. Read [Luke 6:1-16](#).
2. Tell the story to someone.
3. How many of the twelve disciples can you name?
4. One of the disciples is Judas, the traitor. Jesus knew who was going to betray Him. But we know that He loved Judas just like the others. When Jesus announced that one of them would betray Him, they didn't say, "It must be Judas." They had no idea who it was. They couldn't tell by how Jesus had treated Judas.

M

1. Read [Luke 6:1-16](#).
2. What prompts verse 11? Why do you think they are that angry? (answer: It doesn't seem like they would be that angry if it were a matter of Him just breaking a Sabbath law. I think they are angry because they know Jesus is right and Jesus points outs that they are wrong. Jesus is getting more popular and they are being knocked down.)

Day 12

L

1. Read [Luke 6:17-36](#).
2. What do you think is the hardest part of this Scripture to obey?

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Day 13

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1. Read [Luke 6: 37-49](#).
2. What is the description of a wise person? (hint: verse 47) (answer: They listen to Jesus and obey.)
3. What is the description of a foolish person? (hint: verse 49) (answer: They may call Jesus, “Lord,” but they don’t obey Him; they aren’t really following Him.)
4. Are you wise or foolish?

M

1. Read [Luke 6: 37-49](#).
2. Look at verse 38 in context. Give what and what will you get? (answer: This passage is talking about judging others. If you judge and if you lay blame, then you will be judged and blamed. If you forgive, then you will be forgiven. You get back what you dish out.)

Day 14

L

1. Read [Luke 7:1-17](#).
2. What did the centurion understand about Jesus? (answer: He had authority, the power to command and demand.)
3. Lots of people must have died during the years that Jesus ministered. Why did He raise this young man from the dead? (answer: He saw her and felt compassion. Her son was all she had to support her and to take care of her.)

M

1. Read [Luke 7:1-17](#).
2. What was so special about the faith of the centurion? (answer: He had faith in Jesus’s authority to say it and make it happen.)
3. Why did Jesus raise the young man from the dead? (answer: He had compassion on the widow, his mother.)

Day 15

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Day 16

L

1. Read [Luke 7:36-50](#).
2. Why did the woman love Jesus so much? (answer: She had many sins forgiven.)
3. We should all love as much as this woman (or be as grateful) because we were all forgiven as much as this woman; we were forgiven everything.

M

1. Read [Luke 7:18-50](#).
2. What point is Jesus trying to make in verses 33-35? (answer: He is comparing how the Pharisees view Himself and John the Baptist; they said the opposite, but they still spoke ill of both, making accusations against them.)
3. How did the woman get saved, get forgiveness for her sins? (answer: by faith in Jesus)

Day 17

L

1. Read [Luke 8:1-15](#).
2. What can try to steal away faith? (answer: unbelief, hard times-when bad things happen, worry, the love of money)
3. What kind of heart holds onto faith? (answer: good and honest)

M

1. Read [Luke 8:1-25](#).
2. What kind of heart is full of “good soil?” (answer: honest and good)
3. These are stories about faith? The disciples had seen Jesus do miracles. But what happened on the boat? (answer: They were afraid of dying.)
4. Jesus was right there with them, as He is with all believers, and they were afraid.
5. In the parable of the sower, it talks about trials coming, bad things happening, and how they can keep faith from taking root. But then we read about the disciples in the boat. They didn’t lose their faith. They still believed in God and Jesus was sent by God. They didn’t understand everything about Jesus. They had moments of fear, unbelief. But we see the patience of God that Jesus doesn’t give up on the disciples. And we know they become the pillars of the Christian church, full of faith.

Day 18

L

1. Read [Luke 8:40-56](#).
2. Remember that these are real people. That father had to trust Jesus and believe when he was being told that his daughter was dead. How do you think he was feeling?
3. Why was Jesus looking for who touched Him even when lots of people were pushing up against Him, crowding around? (answer: He felt power leave Him.)
4. Lots of people were touching Jesus, but only one felt His power. Why do you think she did? (answer: Jesus tells her that her faith healed her. She believed she would be healed if she touched Him.)
5. Do you know why she was afraid to admit to touching Him? A person who is bleeding is “unclean.” Anyone that person touched would become “unclean.” Was Jesus upset that she

touched Him? (answer: No, He knew that whether someone was clean or unclean came from the heart.)

M

1. Read [Luke 8:26-56](#).
2. Remember that these stories are about real people. Act out or tell the story of the man whose daughter died and the story of the woman who no doctor had been able to help who had been bleeding for twelve years (making her “unclean” and untouchable). Tell it like a story, dramatize it. Don’t go crazy adding things that aren’t in the Bible, but what do you think they were feeling? Why did the man go with Jesus after he was told his daughter was dead? Why didn’t the woman admit at first that she had touched Jesus?
3. What do you think about the story of the demonized man and the pig herd?
4. Was it fair that the demons got what they wanted and the pigherd lost his pigs?
5. All we know is that we don’t know what the situation was, but we do know who orchestrated it. We know that God is just. God was fair in what he did and He did it for a reason, not just because the demons said so. We know that He is in control. We see in Job how God grants Satan his request to bring all of those troubles on Job. God still is in control of the situation and Satan has to stay within the boundaries given. We know that in the end Job repents of his self righteousness. We also know how God used Job and his story to teach us and millions more for thousands of years. We also know how God restored Job’s life and gave to him more abundantly than before. We will never understand everything God does, but when we know Him, then we can trust any situation. He is in control. He is working it out. Remember: [Romans 8:28](#)

Day 19

L

1. Read [Luke 9:1-17](#).
2. Jesus sent the disciples out. There were places that didn’t welcome the disciples. What did the people in those places miss out on? (answer: learning about salvation, getting healed)
3. Which do you think is the bigger miracle: the disciples going with no money or provisions and having all they needed for their journey or the five thousand being fed at once? (answer: I just asked what you thought; there is no wrong answer. Either one shows God’s love and ability to care for His children.)

M

1. Read [Luke 9:1-17](#).
2. When Brother Andrew went through his missionary training, they sent out their students with one dollar to go and preach for a month. I wish they still did missionary training like that. Now they give lessons on how to write newsletters so that people will give you money each month. There are still people who do this though. They live without any visible means of supporting themselves. Our family lived like that for a while. By living that way we got to see miracles of God’s provision
3. My favorite thing about the second story you read today is that they end up with more than they started with. This is what I call God’s economy. The world would tell us that if we give, we would have less for ourselves. But in God’s economy, we end up with more by giving. Now I’m not talking about a greedy, get rich scheme, saying give money and you’ll get more. A Christian can give their last cent, and still have everything he needs. God can be trusted to provide for His children.

Day 20

L/M

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Day 21

L

1. Read [Luke 9:18-36](#).
2. What does Peter answer about who Jesus is? (answer: the Christ of God)
3. Christ means anointed one. Do you remember how Samuel poured oil over David's head, anointing him to become king? Jesus is God's chosen king. Anointing didn't exclusively happen only for kings, but it did only happen when someone was chosen to fulfill a specific role.
4. How does Jesus show that He is the Christ, in the second story? (answer: He shows that He was sent by God by transforming into His heavenly body and speaking with long, physically dead prophets. Jesus transformed to their world to speak to them.)

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4. What part of the story reminds us that this isn't just a story, that these were regular people like us? (answer: I think when it says how Peter didn't know what he was saying. Can you imagine Peter jabbering on not knowing what to say or do?)
5. What does God the Father tell the disciples to do? (answer: Listen to Jesus)
6. In the Old Testament we read about Saul going to a psychic to speak to Samuel after he was dead. That was enough by the law to have them killed. What was different about Jesus talking to two long, physically dead men? (answer: Jesus transformed into a heavenly being to speak with two men in heaven. Never trust someone who says they can bring a dead person to our world to talk to you. That's demonic, not heavenly.)

Day 22

L

1. Read [Luke 9:37-62](#).
2. What are some ways that the disciples show that they just don't get it! (answer: Jesus sends out to heal and cast out demons, but they can't. They fight about who is the greatest when Jesus' example is to be a servant to others. They ask Jesus if they should call down fire from heaven on a people Jesus loves.)

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example is to be a servant to others. They ask Jesus if they should call down fire from heaven on a people Jesus loves.)

3. What do you think about the last section? What attitude do you need to have in order to serve the Lord? (answer: I think the attitude is described in verse 51. He knew He was going to die, but He made up His mind to go. It's a steely determination to serve/obey no matter what.)

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1. Read [Luke 10:1-24](#).
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3. Do you know why it is surprising in the story that a Samaritan helped the man? (answer: Samaritans and the Jews didn't like each other.)
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Day 26

L

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2. Based on these verses teach a lesson on prayer.

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Day 27

L

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2. What are the Pharisees doing wrong? (answer: They are proud, love feeling important. They follow the law strictly on the outside, but ignore it on the inside, showing no love or compassion.)

M

1. Read [Luke 11:14-54](#).
2. What are the Pharisees doing wrong? (answer: They are proud, love feeling important. They follow the law strictly on the outside, but ignore it on the inside, showing no love or compassion.)
3. What do you think it means to be full of light or full of darkness? How can you be full of light? (answer: By being filled with the Holy Spirit through faith)

Day 28

L

1. Read [Luke 12:1-12](#).
2. What do you think is the most surprising or most hard-to-swallow thing about this teaching from Jesus?
3. How does verse six help us not be afraid? (answer: God sees us, knows what's happening to us, cares for us, loves us. He hasn't forgotten us.)

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Day 29

L

1. Read [Luke 12:13-34](#).
2. What is the moral of the first parable? (answer: There is a treasure on earth that can end up being worthless. And no matter it's worth, your treasure can't buy you faith and salvation.)
3. What's the moral of the second lesson? (answer: Don't worry.)

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Day 31

L

1. Read [Luke 12:35-48](#).
2. Tell someone what you think this story is talking about.

M

1. Read [Luke 12:35-59](#).
2. Tell someone one lesson from today's reading.

Day 32

L

1. Read [Luke 13:10-30](#).
2. Why were those opposed to Jesus ashamed? (answer: because they knew Jesus was right — They would help an animal and not a person. It reminds me of the law in some cities where it is legal to feed the squirrels in the park but not a homeless person. Do you think that is shameful?)

M

1. Read [Luke 13](#).
2. What do you think is the lesson of the parable of the fig tree?
3. What do you think is the lesson of the narrow door?

Day 33

L

1. Read [Luke 14:1-14](#).
2. What are the lessons from the two sections of this Scripture? (answer: Be humble not proud; don't think of yourself as better than others. Reach out to the poor; give to those who can't give back; do things for unselfish reasons.)
3. What ideas can you think of to put them into practice?

M

1. Read [Luke 14](#).
2. What is the cost of following Jesus? (hint: verses 26-27) (answer: He has to come first. You have to die to yourself.)

Day 34

L

1. Read [Luke 15:1-24](#).
2. What is this chapter about? (answer: how God rejoices and the heavens celebrate when one person repents and comes home to the Father)

M

1. Read [Luke 15](#).
2. Is it fair that the younger son is welcomed home and celebrated? (answer: Yes, of course. He's a beloved son. It is worth celebrating when you thought someone you loved was dead but is found alive. The older son is not unwelcome. He is welcomed and all the Father has is his.)
3. Why is it fair that a murderer can go to heaven along with those who have been "good" their whole lives? (answer: We are all sinners and all fall short of God's standard, His holiness. We all need to repent and we all receive forgiveness by grace through faith. Jesus' sacrifice is enough for any sin.)

Day 35

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Day 36

L

1. Read [Luke 16:1-15](#).
2. Tell the story and explain what the lesson is.

M

1. Read [Luke 16](#).
2. Tell the story of the manager and explain it.
3. Do you think that someone would repent if they saw someone raised from the dead? (answer: There were a few people raised from the dead during Jesus' time on earth and Jesus rose from the dead. I'm sure these stories were spread far and wide, and yet it wasn't enough for most people to repent.)

Day 37

L

1. Read [Luke 17:3-19](#).
2. Do you act like the servant who knows he's just doing his job or do you expect something in return for your service?
3. Are you like the leper who returned? Do you thank and praise God for all He's done for you?

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Day 38

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1. Read [Luke 18:1-14](#).
2. What was the difference between the tax collector and the Pharisee? (answer: One knew he was a sinner and confessed to God seeking forgiveness. The other didn't admit his sin because of his pride.)

M

1. Read [Luke 18:1-14](#).
2. How does this verse relate to what you read today? [Psalm 138:6](#)

Day 39

L

1. Read [Luke 18:15-43](#).
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Day 40

L/M

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Day 41

L

1. Read [Luke 19:28-48](#).
2. How would you describe Jesus? Think of all the ways possible. God is love. What else do we

see about Him in today's reading?

M

1. Read [Luke 19](#).
2. What are all of the ways you could describe Jesus from today's reading? Think through each story, Zacchaeus, Jesus as the king in the second story, the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the house of prayer. What does each story tell us about who Jesus is?

Day 42

L

1. Read [Luke 20:1-19](#).
2. What does Jesus do to silence the elders and teachers of the law? (answer: He asks them a question they are afraid to answer.)
3. Can you figure out what the parable of the renters is talking about? (hint: When the owner of the vineyard sends his son, the son is Jesus.) (answer: God is the owner of the vineyard. The farmers, His people, were the Jews. The servants are the prophets that God sent time and again to His people, but they were rejected and killed. Finally God sent Jesus. In the parable the son is killed and the owner gives the vineyard, the Kingdom of God, to others. We know that Jesus was killed by the Jewish leaders, and God opens the way to Him to the Gentiles.)

M

1. Read [Luke 20](#).
2. How does Jesus silence naysayers? (answer: with wisdom He also asks questions they don't want to answer. They know the answer, but they don't want to say it. You can see in these cases that they are clearly refusing the truth. When you read the Scripture, be careful not to refuse the truth right in front of you.)
3. What is the parable of the tenants about? (hint: When the owner of the vineyard sends his son, the son is Jesus.) (answer: God is the owner of the vineyard. The farmers, His people, were the Jews. The servants are the prophets that God sent time and again to His people, but they were rejected and killed. Finally God sent Jesus. In the parable the son is killed and the owner gives the vineyard, the Kingdom of God, to others. We know that Jesus was killed by the Jewish leaders, and God opens the way to Him to the Gentiles.)

Day 43

L

1. Read [Luke 21:1-28](#).
2. Why does God see the widow's "penny" as more than mounds of gold? (answer: He sees the heart. She is making a huge sacrifice in giving. She is giving all she has. The rich were still keeping much for themselves. The widow, in giving everything, is also showing trust in God to provide.)
3. There was a time, not too long after Jesus' resurrection, when armies surrounded Jerusalem and the temple was destroyed. How do we know that wasn't the full fulfillment of this prophecy? (answer: It says at that time you will see Jesus coming in the clouds.)

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3. Why shouldn't we be afraid when there are wars? (answer: God is in control. Jesus says, "These things must happen first." He knows they are coming. They are part of the plan, God's good plan.)
4. How can you know that it's not Jesus if someone comes and says, "I am He?" (answer: Jesus tells us that He is coming back in the clouds with signs in the heavens. It won't be missed! It won't be ordinary!)

Day 44

L

1. Read [Luke 22:1-30](#).
2. Do you have to worry about Satan entering you like he did Judas? (answer: No, if you belong to God, then you are full of the Holy Spirit. If you are "full," then there is no room for him.)
3. How did Peter and John know where to set up the Passover meal? (answer: Jesus told them exactly who they would meet and what they should say.)
4. Remember: The Passover was the celebration of how death passed over the Israelites. They sacrificed a lamb and spread its blood on their doorframes and death passed over those homes. That's why Jesus is called the Lamb of God. He was the sacrificial lamb and because of His blood death can pass over us, and we can have eternal life.

M

1. Read [Luke 22:1-30](#).
2. Jesus is a king, but what did He come as? (answer: a servant)
3. What do you think it means to be a servant of others? (answer: It doesn't mean to be a slave, but to not think of yourself as better than anyone else, to not be selfish, but to consider others and their needs before your own.)

Day 45

L/M

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Day 46

L

1. Read [Luke 22:31-62](#).
2. What did Jesus not want to do? (answer: Go through with what he knew was coming, the cross and everything it included)
3. What did Jesus want to do? (answer: Obey His Father)
4. There is a really confusing part of this story. Jesus reminds the disciples how He sent them out with nothing and they were fine. Now He says to buy a sword because the prophecy says that He'll be among criminals. This only has to do with when they come to arrest Jesus. This doesn't mean that from then on, He wanted them to have swords and to be prepared to fight. How do we know? Several verses later, one of the disciples gets rebuked for using a sword. Later, we

never read of them ever using or even having swords.

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5. What is Peter's reaction to his sin? (answer: He sobs. He is heart broken over his sin. We are humans and sin happens, but that's the right response to sin. The wrong response is to make excuses or try to make it seem okay. Sin should break our hearts because we're sinning against a holy God that created us and loves us and whom we love.)

Day 47

L

1. Read [Luke 23:1-25](#).
2. In what verse does Jesus say that He is a king? (answer: verse 3)
3. It looks like Jesus was almost set free. Why isn't Jesus upset and defending Himself even though He is innocent? (answer: He "fought," struggled in prayer the night before. He knows His Father is in control and He knew this was His choice for His glory. It was God's will, and Jesus had surrendered Himself to doing God's will.)

M

1. Read [Luke 23:1-25](#).
2. Look at this [list of prophecies](#). Which ones were fulfilled in the portion of Scripture you read today?

Day 48

L

1. Read [Luke 23:32-56](#).
2. The Jewish leaders and many who had gathered totally missed who Jesus was. Who realized it? (answer: one of the criminals being crucified as well)
3. Who realized that Jesus was innocent? (answer: one of the Roman soldier)

M

1. Read [Luke 23:26-56](#).
2. Look at this [list of prophecies](#). Which ones were fulfilled in the portion of Scripture you read today?
3. What is verse 48 talking about? Why are they doing that? (answer: The people there realized too late that Jesus was innocent. from <http://english.stackexchange.com/questions/31756/what->

does-it-mean-to-beat-ones-breast “To beat one’s breast” literally refers to striking your fist against your chest as an expression of *sorrow, anger, or woe*. Hardly anyone actually beats their breast any more, but the expression survives as a poetic expression that describes any act of public bewailing.)

Day 49

L

1. Read [Luke 24:1-35](#).
2. Here are two examples of how believers don’t believe what the Bible says. Can you find them? (answer: Jesus told them plainly repeatedly that He was going to die and resurrect. They didn’t want to hear it. On the road to Emmaus, the two men were walking with Jesus and Jesus points out how the Scriptures told all these things would happen, but they didn’t see it or understand it or believe it. They also missed the fact that Jesus was right there in front of them talking to them.)
3. Are you missing something right in front of you? When you read the Bible, ask God to help you really see, hear and understand. Believe what it says. So often Christians don’t actually read and follow the Scriptures. They just believe what they hear without seeking God in His Word.

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3. Verse 32 gives a way to know if you are hearing the voice of the Lord speaking to you. Can you spot it? How were they feeling when Jesus was talking to them? (answer: their hearts were “burning.”)
4. Ask God to show you if you are being blind and deaf to His Word. You can see Him and hear Him by seeking the truth by searching the Bible for yourself. Ask God to open your eyes to see what His word really says.

Day 50

L/M

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Day 51

L

1. Read [Luke 24:36-53](#).
2. This is the last part of the book of Luke.
3. What are some characteristics of Jesus’ resurrected body? (answer: He can just appear in a room. He says he has flesh and bones and he can eat normal food.)
4. This is an idea of what it will be like for us when we are given our new spiritual bodies.

M

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4. What is Jesus going to send? (verse 49) (answer: The answer is not in this text, but the answer is the Holy Spirit.)

Day 52

L

1. Read [Job 1](#). (It is pronounced Jobe.)
2. Tell the story to someone.
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5. Read [Romans 8:28](#).

Day 53

L

1. Read [Job 2](#).
2. Tell someone what happens in this chapter.
3. What does Job's wife suggest? (answer: cursing God for doing this to him and being punished with death for cursing God)
4. What is Job's response? (answer: We should accept the good and the bad.)
5. Who comes to visit? (answer: three friends)
6. How did the friends comfort him? (answer: They could only cry with him and stay with him.)
7. Did God allow this to happen to Job because of Job's great sin? (answer: No, God calls him blameless and upright.)

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1. You may be wondering why Job is in the poetry section of our Bible lessons. It is considered an epic poem. When you are in the 7th and 8th levels of the curriculum, you will read whole books that are epic poems. They tell a big, long story in dramatic fashion.
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Day 55

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Day 56

L

1. Read [Job 6:10-30](#).
2. Have Job's friends been helpful? (hint: verse 21) (answer: no)
3. Does Job think his friend is right, that he has sinned? (answer: no)
4. This conversation goes back and forth and on and on. Read these [final words](#) of the conversation. Does Job ever change his mind about his innocence?

M

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Day 57

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2. Job and the three friends argue back and forth. When they are done, one man, Elihu, speaks.

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Day 59

L

1. Read [Job 39](#). God is still speaking to Job.
2. He's telling Job he doesn't know everything. Job was right that he hadn't committed some sin that he was being punished for, but he was being self-righteous, right and wise in his own eyes. God is reminding him who Job is next to God.
3. What can you learn about ostriches from this?

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3. What did you learn about an animal from this? God made each unique.

Day 60

L/M

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Day 61

L

1. Read [Job 40](#).
2. In verse 5 we can see an example of why this is called poetry. Can you see the repetition?

3. Job knew that he had done right and had been justifying himself. What has Job accused God of? (hint: verse 8) (answer: of not being fair He's saying that God let this happen to him even though he never did anything wrong.)
4. What is God accusing Job of? (answer: self-righteousness, Job is right in his own eyes.)
5. Isaiah teaches us that "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags." Our righteousness, our goodness, is nothing compare to the holiness of God. That's why we need a Savior in Jesus to come. He saves us from our sins by allowing us forgiveness through His death and by giving us His Spirit, His life through His resurrection, which allows us to live in His righteousness, puts His goodness in us?
6. Job was good by human standards, but he didn't realize before this time that his righteousness, his good works, would never match God's perfect holiness.

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4. What is God accusing Job of? (answer: self justification, Job is right in his own eyes.)
5. Read this blog post about our righteousness (Job's righteousness) vs. God's righteousness. Job's goodness wasn't enough, but he had thought it was.

Written by Juli Camarin on January 21, 2010.

"Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness." (Romans 10:3)

God's righteousness and our righteousness are polar opposites. Apart from Christ our right standing with God is impossible. It was Isaiah who said that our righteous acts are like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). He was talking about self righteousness (the things we do to try to make us right with God). Self righteousness looks great on the outside and people notice it. Like the Israelites our churches are filled with people who look holy but solely trust in themselves to be good enough for God. They are seeking him based upon their righteousness and what they can accomplish for God. However God does not grade on a curve, our righteousness in no way compares to his.

Paul said in today's passage that the Israelites didn't know God's righteousness and so they tried to establish their own. What is God's righteousness? His righteousness is the uprightness that He ascribes to. It is who HE is – in thought, word and deed. As you can see, this is a polar opposite of who we are as humans. God is so holy, completely just and true, in every sense of the word. It is impossible for us to approach God on the basis of what we've done, even though all of it seems good in the natural realm. In our own self sufficiency and sinful state we would not even be able to stand in His presence because of the effects of sin.

Paul said in Romans 5, *"before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law"* (Romans 5:13). So sin existed, but God was not crediting it to the accounts of mankind before the law was given. So they mistook his forbearance with sin to be his acceptance of it. Sin became more and more prevalent in the world, so in contrast, a life lived holy looked pretty good in comparison to the corruption that existed. Therefore the law was given to the Jews and it outlined hundreds of rules and guidelines on how to live. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness to them. Compared to the nations around them, they assumed they were good enough but in comparison to God's righteousness, the law showed them it was impossible to fulfill on their own.

The law came with both blessings and curses (Deuteronomy 28), and they were subjected to those by how they lived. The law was never intended to be a plan of salvation. The law was intended to show us our inability to earn our way to heaven and to reveal our need for a savior.

This is a major truth in the Bible; we cannot earn our way into heaven by our good deeds. If we are relying on what we do for God and our own self righteousness, then Paul says that we remain under the curse of the law. “All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: *“Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”* Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, *“The righteous will live by faith” (Galatians 3:10-11)*. God knew it was impossible for us to fulfill the law so he provided another way to be justified before him through Jesus. This comes about by faith and those who are righteous before God live by faith. He went on to answer the question on everyone’s mind, *“What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come” (Galatians 3:19)*. Romans says it this way, *“no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. (Romans 3:20)*. And again Paul said in Galatians, *“the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith (Galatians 3:24)*. In other words the law shows us our need for a Savior so that we will fall upon the grace and mercy of God and trust in his plan for salvation instead of our own. The law was intended to get us ready for Christ and was never proposed to be the way to God.

The amazing thing about falling upon the mercy of God and accepting this grace message is that by doing so, we know and submit to God’s righteousness. Romans says, *“But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe” (Romans 3:21, Romans 3:22)*. Which means that we obtain God’s righteousness through faith in Jesus and since we are righteous by God’s standards, we can stand before him, completely justified, where before it would have been impossible to be in His presence. Romans goes on to say, *“For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law” (Romans 3:28)*. This is good news for us today. We do not have to rely on what we do to please God, he is pleased with us on the basis of faith in Jesus. There is nothing else we can do to add to it, he looks at us and sees us completely whole, righteous and justified before him as if we had never sinned. What an incredible blessing it is to submit to the righteousness of God.

from: jcblog.net/romans/10/354-romans-103-gods-righteousness-versus-our-self-righteousness

Day 62

L

1. Read the end of the story, [Job 42](#).
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3. What can you learn from Job’s story?

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4. If you are interested, look back at chapter 41. Look at verses 19 and 20. I, personally, think this creature is related to stories of fire-breathing dragons. Stories get exaggerated and changed as they get passed down. That’s one reason the Dead Sea scrolls were so important. They were a

copy of the Scriptures from 1000 years earlier than had been found before. It showed that in all those years, the stories in the Bible never changed.

Day 63

L

1. Read [Ecclesiastes 1](#). This is a different kind of book. It is written by Solomon, the wise king, remember him? He is searching for meaning in life.
2. What does he find is meaningless? (answer: everything)
3. That doesn't mean you shouldn't work or shouldn't do school. It means that the pursuit of those things doesn't create meaning in your life. At the end of your life there would have been no point if that's all that you had done.

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Day 64

L

1. Read [Ecclesiastes 2:1-11](#).
2. What are some things he tried to find purpose and to make himself happy? (answer: getting things that he thought would bring him pleasure, wine, women, houses...)
3. What was his conclusion? (answer: pointless, it had no meaning)
4. Studies have shown that depression is highest in the wealthiest countries. Having more doesn't make you happy. I bet your parents have told you that in one way or another. They were right.

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4. What do verses 24-26 say? Do you see your enjoyment in life as from the hand of God?

Day 65

L/M

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Day 66

L

1. Read [Ecclesiastes 3:1-8](#).
2. These are famous lines. What do they say? (answer: There is a time for everything.)

3. Read [Ecclesiastes 5:1-12](#).
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Day 67

L

1. We're going to skip to the end of Ecclesiastes. Read [chapter 12 verses 9-14](#).
2. What is his final conclusion? (answer: Respect God and obey His commandments.)

M

1. What does [Ecclesiastes 6:7](#) mean? What wisdom is found there? (answer: People always desire more. They work to get everything they need and want and then just need and want more. There is no end, no satisfying.)
2. When do you think work could satisfy? (answer: When you work to the glory of God instead of to your own glory, it can bring satisfaction of having eternal worth.)
3. Read [Ecclesiastes 12](#).
4. What is his final conclusion? (answer: Respect God and obey His commandments.)

Day 68

L

1. Read [Song of Songs](#) (or Song of Solomon) chapter 1 verses 1-4 and chapter 4:1-7.
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Day 69

L

1. Read [Proverbs 1:1-19](#).
2. What does verse 3 say the proverbs are for? (answer: to teach you to live right, to make wise choices)
3. What's the first step to gaining knowledge? (hint: verse 7) (answer: fear the Lord)
4. Act out verse 10.

M

1. Read [Proverbs 1](#).
2. What is the point of the proverbs? (hint: verses 2-3)
3. What is some of the wisdom gained from the first chapter? (answer: two answers are in verse 7)

and 10)

Day 70

L/M

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Day 71

L

1. Read [Proverbs 2:1-15](#).
2. Who gives wisdom? (answer: the Lord)
3. How does wisdom benefit you? (answer: show you what is right, protect you, guard you against evil)

M

1. Read [Proverbs 2](#).
2. Take verses 20 and 21 and apply it to verses 7 and 8.
3. Those who don't seek God's wisdom and live by it, what happens to them? (hint: verses 18, 19, 22)

Day 72

L

1. Read [Proverbs 3:1-12](#).
2. What do verses 6, 8 and 10 say will happen if you do verses 5, 7 and 9? How can you do those things?

M

1. Read [Proverbs 3](#).
2. What do verses 6, 8 and 10 say will happen if you do verses 5, 7 and 9? How can you do those things?
3. How important is wisdom? Why? How can you get it?

Day 73

L

1. Read [Proverbs 4:1-15](#).
2. What will keep you safe? (answers: wisdom, parents' teaching)

M

1. Read [Proverbs 4](#)?
2. What's the tone? (answer: imploring)
3. What's so important? (answer: He wants his son to stay safe by listening to him and acting wisely.)

Day 74

L

1. Read [Proverbs 5:1-14](#).

2. Sin can look enticing and appealing when it's tempting you, but it ends up making you its prisoner and destroying you.

M

1. Read [Proverbs 5](#).
2. What happens when you choose to sin? (hint: verse 22) (answer: Your sin ends up controlling you. You are either a slave to sin or a slave to righteousness. One leads to death. One leads to life.)

Day 75

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 76

L

1. Read [Proverbs 6:6-23](#).
2. Instead of being lazy, who should you be like? Why? (answer: the ant They are diligent workers. They are always working to prepare what they need and no one even has to tell them to do it.)
3. What's in the list of the things the Lord hates? (answer: verses 17-19)

M

1. Read [Proverbs 6](#).
2. The first verse is about being responsible for someone else's loan. So if the person can't pay back the loan, then you are the one who loses your money, or car, or house, or whatever you put up against the loan as security that the person would get the money they loaned back.
3. What leads to life according to verse 23? (answer: your parents' teaching and correction)
4. This is directed at guys. It talks of the smooth talking woman. There are plenty of girls who dress and act to get male attention. Guys, that shouldn't be your goal in how you dress or act. Guys, verse 25 tells you what to do to keep from destroying yourself (verse 32). What is it?

Day 77

L

1. Read [Proverbs 9:10-18](#).
2. What's the first step to becoming wise? (answer: fearing God, "having respect for the Lord")

M

1. Read [Proverbs 9](#).
2. What's the first step to becoming wise? (answer: fearing God)
3. You can see the poetic nature of this chapter in how anthropomorphism is used with wisdom and foolishness, talking about them like they are women.

Day 78

L

1. Read [Proverbs 10:1-9](#).

2. Share a piece of wisdom you learned.

M

1. Read [Proverbs 10](#).
2. Share a piece of wisdom you learned.

Day 79

L

1. Read [Proverbs 11:12-28](#).
2. What can help you gain respect? (hint: verses 16-17) (answer: Be kind.)
3. What do people who can be trusted do? (hint: verse 13) (answer: keep things to themselves, don't gossip and talk about others)

M

1. Read [Proverbs 11](#).
2. How can verse 13 help you choose good friends? (my answer: If someone gossips to you about someone else, then you know it's not a trustworthy person that you would want to have as a close friend.)
3. Verse 24 describes what I call, "God's economy;" you have more when you give. How do you think that works?
4. What do you think is the best piece of wisdom in this chapter?

Day 80

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 81

L

1. Read [Proverbs 12:15-28](#).
2. What do you think is the best piece of wisdom in this chapter?

M

1. Read [Proverbs 12](#).
2. What do you think is the best piece of wisdom in this chapter?

Day 82

L

1. Read [Proverbs 13](#).
2. Which ones will help you do better with your school work? See if you can find at least four.

M

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Day 83

L

1. Read [Proverbs 14:7-23](#).
2. If the way looks right, how can you avoid the wrong path described in verse 12? (answer: wisdom!)
3. How can working hard at your school work pay off? (verse 23)

M

1. Read [Proverbs 14](#).
2. How can you avoid the fate of verse 12? (answer: wisdom)
3. Do you think the rich really have a lot of friends? Are they real friends if they are only friends because they are rich? (answer: Think of the prodigal son who had lots of friends when he was spending money and then no one stayed with him when he was broke. Only his family was there for him when he had nothing.)
4. How can working hard at your school work bring profit (verse 23)?

Day 84

L

1. Read [Proverbs 15:16-33](#).
2. What do you think is the best piece of wisdom in today's reading?

M

1. Read [Proverbs 15](#).
2. What do you think is the best piece of wisdom in today's reading?

Day 85

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 86

L

1. Read [Proverbs 16](#).
2. What do you think is the best piece of wisdom in today's reading?

M

1. Read [Proverbs 16](#).
2. What do you think is the best piece of wisdom in today's reading?

Day 87

L

1. Read [Proverbs 17](#).
2. Do you agree with verse 1?
3. Verse 9 is really important. Talking about sin, talking about what someone did wrong, can ruin your friendships, even in your family. It's always important to forgive and then to forget it.
4. Are your parents joyful? (verse 21)

M

1. Read [Proverbs 17](#).
2. What do verses 2 and 3 mean and what do they mean to your life?
3. What other verses do you think contain really good advice?

Day 88

L

1. Read [Proverbs 18](#).
2. What do you think is the best wisdom you can learn from today's reading?
3. What do you think verse 10 means?

M

1. Read [Proverbs 18](#).
2. Verses 17 and 21 have to do with the power of words. What can you learn from them? (answer: One answer is to be careful what you say and to be careful how you judge based on one side of a story.)

Day 89

L

1. Read [Proverbs 19](#).
2. What did you learn from today's reading?

M

1. Read [Proverbs 19](#).
2. "Every man longs for love that never fails." (vs. 22a) This is why everyone needs God. He's the only love that never, ever fails.

Day 90

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 91

L

1. Read [Proverbs 20:1-15](#).
2. What are some ways that alcohol can cause problems? (verse 1)
3. What do your actions say about you? (verse 11)

M

1. Read [Proverbs 20](#).
2. There are a couple verses today about weights and measures. What's the sin? What's the root sin? (answer: lying, the love of money-greed, This is talking about sellers ripping off the people buying from them.)
3. What are the lessons from verse 1 and verse 22?

Day 92

L

1. Read [Proverbs 21:1-13](#).
2. Do you think you can substitute the word president for “king” in the first verse?
3. (verse 13) God loves the poor. What can you do to show love to the poor?

M

1. Read [Proverbs 21](#).
2. Do you think you can substitute the word president for “king” in the first verse?
3. (verse 13) God loves the poor. What can you do to show love to the poor?
4. What do verses 30 and 31 mean? How can you apply that to your life?

Day 93

L

1. Read [Proverbs 22:1-16](#).
2. If you want anyone to be wanting to be your friend, what should you do? (hint: verse 11)
(answer: be loving and kind)

M

1. Read [Proverbs 22](#).
2. What does it mean to have a “good name?” (verse 1, answer: It means to have a good reputation, people think well of you.)
3. Verse 7 is a warning to stay out of _____? (answer: debt)
4. What’s another piece of wisdom you can apply its lesson to yourself?

Day 94

L

1. Read [Proverbs 23:15-28](#).
2. Read [Proverbs 23:13-14](#) in a different translation.
3. How can being disciplined and punished save you from death?

M

1. Read [Proverbs 23](#).
2. How can being disciplined and punished save you from death?
3. What are two other pieces of wisdom from this chapter that you will apply?

Day 95

L/M

1. Click on today’s featured country on [Operation World](#)’s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 96

L

1. Read [Proverbs 24:23-34](#).
2. What’s a piece of wisdom you learned from this chapter?

M

1. Read [Proverbs 24](#).
2. What's a piece of wisdom you learned from this chapter?

Day 97

L

1. Read [Proverbs 25:13-28](#).
2. How should you treat your enemies? (hint: verse 21) (answer: You still show kindness.)
3. Do you know what it means to nag? Verse 24 is about a wife, but you can drive your parents just as crazy. You don't want them to think it would be better to not live in the house with you, do you?

M

1. Read [Proverbs 25](#).
2. In the last verse, verse 28, what does it mean for a city to have its walls broken? (answer: unprotected, vulnerable to attack)
3. In light of that, what does it mean for the person without self control? (answer: They are in danger.)
4. How so?

Day 98

L

1. Read [Proverbs 27:1-12](#).
2. What do you think is good wisdom in these verses?
3. Talk with your parents about some "dangers" you might see coming. Going to your parents and telling them of it is probably the best way to stay safe.

M

1. Read [Proverbs 27](#).
2. What do verses 17 and 20 mean and what do they mean for you?
3. Talk with your parents about some "dangers" you might see coming. Going to your parents and telling them of it is probably the best way to stay safe.

Day 99

L

1. Read [Proverbs 28:1-14](#).
2. Do you agree with verse 6?
3. I think verse 13 is the most important. How is this verse related to [1 John 1:9](#)? What happens when we don't confess our sin?

M

1. Read [Proverbs 28](#).
2. I think verse 13 is the most important. How does this relate to [1 John 1:9](#)? What happens when we don't confess our sin?
3. There are several verses in here about the poor? What are some of the things it says?

Day 100

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 101

L

1. Read [Proverbs 29:6-22](#).
2. What does verse 17 say?
3. What does verse 22 say? Do you get angry? Ask God to help you control your temper.
4. What wisdom do you think you should learn from today's reading?

M

1. Read [Proverbs 29](#).
2. What does verse 6 mean? (hint: Here are pictures of animals trapped in snares. [One Two](#))
3. You are either a [slave to sin](#) or a [slave to righteousness](#). Which is better? Why?
4. What piece of wisdom do you want to remember from today's reading?

Day 102

L

1. Read [Proverbs 30:24-33](#).
2. What makes the animals wise?
3. If you think you are better than someone else (maybe you just won at something), why should you put your hand over your mouth? (hint: verse 33) (answer: You may stir up a fight.)

M

1. Read [Proverbs 30](#).
2. Verse 15 talks about a leech. A leech is a type of worm that attaches to you and sucks your blood! In reference to that worm, the word leech refers to someone who attaches himself to you just to get things out of you. They hang around and just want you to pay for the food, the fun, etc.
3. If you think you are better than someone else (maybe you just won at something), why should you put your hand over your mouth? (hint: verse 33) (answer: You may stir up a fight.)

Day 103

L

1. Read [Proverbs 31:10-31](#).
2. This is what we call, "The Proverbs 31 woman."
3. What kind of woman should be praised? (hint: verse 30)
4. What kinds of things does she do? (answer: She helps her husband, she makes things with her hands for her family, she does business (trading), she is wise, takes care of the family...)

M

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hands for her family, she does business (trading), she is wise, takes care of the family...)

5. In the first part of the chapter, who should you speak up for, defend? (hint: verse 9)

Day 104

L

1. We're starting a new book today, the book of Psalms, or the book of songs.
2. Since they were meant to be sung, I thought maybe it would be nice to listen to them.
3. I will link to it in your same version to read, or if you prefer, you can listen to it in the New King James Version.
4. Read [Psalm 1](#) or [listen](#).
5. What's the difference between the tree in verse 3 and the straw in verse 4? (He's talking about people. Think about what's happening to the straw and what the tree's roots do.) (answer: The tree can't be moved. It's being fed by the steam. It's growing. The straw is dead.)
6. Who is the tree? (answer: a righteous person)
7. Who is the straw? (answer: Those who choose to sin.)

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5. What does the metaphor mean the a righteous person is like a tree planted beside a stream?

Day 105

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 106

L

1. Read [Psalm 2](#) or [listen](#).
2. Why is the Lord laughing? (answer: He knows the rulers of nations are making plans but He's the One really deciding what happens.)

M

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Day 107

L

1. Read [Psalm 3](#) or [listen](#). This explains that David wrote this while he was fleeing Absalom, his son who rose up to try to take over the kingdom.
2. Something to notice in the Pslams is that they will often start with David telling his troubles, but then often end with him praising God. This is an example for us of how to pray. We can tell God

our troubles, our needs, but we should then recognize that He is able and willing, that He loves us and is for us, and praise and thank Him.

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Day 108

L

1. Read [Psalm 4](#) or [listen](#).
2. Why can he sleep peacefully? (hint: verse 8) (answer: He can sleep because God keeps him safe.)

M

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2. Why can he sleep peacefully? (hint: verse 8) (answer: He can sleep because God keeps him safe.)
3. What's interesting about what David prays in verse 1 and then in verse 3? Do you see something contradictory? (answer: Look at the last part of each verse; they are opposites.)
4. This reminds me of the father who says to Jesus, "I believe. Help my unbelief." David is human and so are we. You can be honest when you pray. The Lord knows your heart any way. His heart feels the distress he's in and he prays, "Hear my prayer." But he also comes around to being reminded of the truth, "the Lord hears when I call to him."

Day 109

L

1. Read [Psalm 5](#) or [listen](#).
2. Choose a favorite verse from this chapter. Why is it your favorite?

M

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2. Choose a favorite verse from this chapter. Why is it your favorite?

Day 110

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 111

L

1. Read [Psalm 6](#) or [listen](#).
2. David is in the middle of some trouble. He asks the Lord to not rebuke or discipline him, so

maybe he has sinned and that has brought on the troubles. He asks the Lord, “How long?”
What does he want to know? (answer: how long until his troubles are over)

M

1. Read [Psalm 6](#) or [listen](#).
2. What are some of the ways David speaks to God in this song/prayer? (answer: pleads for mercy, deliverance, salvation; makes statements about the way things are, makes declarations in faith)

Day 112

L

1. Read [Psalm 7](#) or [listen](#).
2. If you are listening, iniquity means sin.
3. David is asking God to act with justice. God is a just God which means that He makes decisions by what is right and fair.

M

1. Read [Psalm 7](#) or [listen](#).
2. David is asking for justice. If I sinned, let my enemy get me, but if I haven't and they are the sinners, pay them back for their evil deeds.

Day 113

L

1. Read [Psalm 8](#) or [listen](#).
2. What is David thinking and feeling when he says verse 4? (answer: He sees that the world and universe are immense and he's so small in it and can't believe that he is someone God pays attention to, let alone cares for.)

M

1. Read [Psalm 8](#) or [listen](#).
2. This psalm is referenced in [Hebrews](#) and is used to describe Jesus.

Day 114

L

1. Read [Psalm 9](#) or [listen](#).
2. What is something David praises God for?

M

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2. What is something David praises God for?

Day 115

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 116

L

1. Read [Psalm 10](#) or [listen](#).
2. What is one thing wrong David sees happening? (answer: He gives lots of examples of evil that people are doing.)
3. What does he *know* God will do? (hint: verses 17-18) (answer: He knows that God will hear and see and make sure justice comes to the orphans and the poor who are oppressed.)

M

1. Read [Psalm 10](#) or [listen](#).
2. What change occurs in David's words from the first verse to the last two verses? (answer: He is questioning God in the beginning and confident in God in the end.)

Day 117

L

1. Read [Psalm 11](#) or [listen](#).
2. Read [verse 4](#). What does the Lord see when he studies you?

M

1. Read [Psalm 11](#) or [listen](#).
2. What do [verses four and five](#) say the Lord does? (answer: tests or examines He lets troubles come and then watches how we respond, what is really in our hearts.)
3. What does the Lord find when he examines you?

Day 118

L

1. Read [Psalm 12](#) or [listen](#).
2. You need to remember that this is poetry. It sounds more beautiful in Hebrew. These were songs. They come across differently in English.
3. How about listen to one in [Hebrew](#). You can listen for the repeating sounds of poetry. You can listen for "[Adonai](#)," a name of God meaning Lord.

M

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Day 119

L

1. Read [Psalm 13](#) or [listen](#).
2. David again changes the way he speaks from the beginning to the end of the Psalm. How David

feels now (sad heart) doesn't change who God is ("so good to me").

M

1. Read [Psalm 13](#) or [listen](#).
2. David again changes the way he speaks from the beginning to the end of the Psalm. How David feels now ("having sorrow") doesn't change who God is ("He has dealt bountifully with me.") Quotes are from the audio version.

Day 120

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 121

L

1. Read [Psalm 14](#) or [listen](#).
2. Verse three says that everyone is evil and no one does good. What does the [New Testament](#) have to say about that?

M

1. Read [Psalm 14](#) or [listen](#).
2. There's a trick some people like to play. They ask if everything the Bible says is true? When you say yes, they say that the Bible says there is no God. It's from this Psalm. But you can know your Bible well enough to say, "No, it says that fools say there is no God," and turn the tables on them.

Day 122

L

1. Read [Psalm 15](#) or [listen](#).
2. Who can go to heaven according to this Psalm?
3. The only one who can be perfect, holy, enough to be in God's presence is the one whom God has forgiven and cleansed from sin and who has been given the perfect Holy Spirit.

M

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Day 123

L

1. Read [Psalm 16](#) or [listen](#).
2. Use some of the words or feelings expressed in this song to praise God. You could even turn them into a song yourself.

M

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2. Use some of the words or feelings expressed in this song to praise God. You could even turn them into a song yourself.

Day 124

L

1. Read [Psalm 17](#) or [listen](#).
2. Here's a different translation of verse 8. "Keep me as the [apple of Your eye](#); Hide me under the [shadow of Your wings](#)."
3. Look at the links. What does verse eight mean? What is David asking? Do you want to pray this as well?

M

1. Read [Psalm 17](#) or [listen](#).
2. What do these mental images tell us about God and how He relates to His children? verse 8 "Keep me as the [apple of Your eye](#); Hide me under the [shadow of Your wings](#)."

Day 125

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 126

L

1. Read [Psalm 18](#) or [listen](#).
2. Here is a [worship song](#) based on this chapter.
3. While you are listening, you can look at [this](#)? Look familiar?

M

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2. Here is a [worship song](#) based on this chapter.
3. While you are listening, you can look at [this](#)? Look familiar?

Day 127

L

1. Read [Psalm 19](#) or [listen](#).
2. What is David talking about? What is more valuable than gold and sweeter than honey? Why is it so great? (hint: verses 7-10) (answer: God's laws because they bring wisdom and joy. If you can't see how God's law could be so great, this would be a good table time discussion.)
3. What brings reward? (hint: verse 11) (answer: obeying God's commands)
4. Verse 14, the last verse is a good prayer to pray. You might want to pray that now and you might want to memorize it!

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4. Verses 13 and 14, the last verses are a good prayer to pray. You might want to pray that now and you might want to memorize them!

Day 128

L

1. Read [Psalm 20](#) or [listen](#).
2. [Verse 7](#) says that people are trusting in horses and chariots to win battles instead of the Lord. What are ways people today trust in things other than the Lord? To start, think about ways people "battle" today. What are things people struggle with?

M

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Day 129

L

1. Read [Psalm 21](#) or [listen](#).
2. It says we'll sing and praise his power. Here's a praise song, [Lord You're Mighty](#). (The audio didn't work for me. Here it is on [godtube](#) as well.)

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Day 130

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 131

L

1. Read [Psalm 22](#) or [listen](#).
2. There are several parts of this Psalm which are prophecies about Jesus, specifically, about when He was killed. Can you find some of those places? (hint: verses 1, 16, 18) Here are some [more](#).

M

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Day 132

L

1. Read [Psalm 23](#) or [listen](#).
2. This is one to memorize if you haven't already.

M

1. Read [Psalm 23](#) or [listen](#).
2. Retell the psalm, line by line in your own words. This is poetry; rewrite it in prose. (You don't have to write it. You can tell it.)

Day 133

L

1. Read [Psalm 24](#) or [listen](#).
2. Who can be in God's presence and receive his blessing? (vs. 3, 5) (hint: verse 4) (answer: someone with clean hands and a pure heart, meaning someone whose sins are washed away and who is filled with the Holy Spirit by faith in Jesus and through His sacrifice for us)
3. The Psalm asks, "[Who Is the King of glory?](#)"

M

1. Read [Psalm 24](#) or [listen](#).
2. What do the first and last verses say about who God is? (answer: owns and rules over everything)
3. Think about what that means to your life?
4. The Psalm asks, "[Who Is the King of glory?](#)"

Day 134

L

1. Read [Psalm 25](#) or [listen](#).
2. What verse of this psalm do you like best? Why?

M

1. Read [Psalm 25](#) or [listen](#).
2. What part of this psalm is most meaningful to you? Why?

Day 135

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 136

L

1. Read [Psalm 26](#) or [listen](#).
2. Do what verse 7 says, tell someone about the wonderful things God has done, at the very least tell God thanks and praise Him.

M

1. Read [Psalm 26](#) or [listen](#).
2. Do what verse 7 says, tell someone about the wonderful things God has done, at the very least tell God thanks and praise Him.

Day 137

L

1. Read [Psalm 27](#) or [listen](#).
2. What is the answer to David's questions in verse 1? (answer: This is a rhetorical question. It's not answered. He is implying that there is nothing and no one to be afraid of because He has the Lord.)

M

1. Read [Psalm 27](#) or [listen](#).
2. What do you think it means to wait on the Lord, verse 14? (hint: verse 13) (answer: Don't give up hope. The Lord sees you and what you are going through. He hasn't forgotten you.)

Day 138

L

1. Read [Psalm 28](#) or [listen](#).
2. Picture God as your shield (verse 7).
3. What does it mean to your life that you can have God as your shield? (answer: One thing it doesn't mean is that nothing bad will ever happen. To need a shield means that you are in battle. You are being attacked. Dangerous, hurtful things are being hurled at you. But God is there to keep them from destroying you and can even say that he's using those things to work out for your good!)
4. If you have God as your shield, rejoice and sing like the psalm says.

M

1. Read [Psalm 28](#) or [listen](#).
2. What does it mean to your life that you can have God as your shield? (answer: One thing it doesn't mean is that nothing bad will ever happen. To need a shield means that you are in battle. You are being attacked. Dangerous, hurtful things are being hurled at you. But God is there to keep them from destroying you and can even say that he's using those things to work out for your good!)
3. If you have God as your shield, rejoice and sing like the psalm says.

Day 139

L

1. Read [Psalm 29](#) or [listen](#).
2. How powerful is the "voice of the LORD?" (Think about Genesis 1.)

M

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2. How powerful is the "voice of the LORD?" (Think about Genesis 1.)

Day 140

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 141

L

1. Read [Psalm 30](#) or [listen](#).
2. How can verse five encourage you?

M

1. Read [Psalm 30](#) or [listen](#).
2. How can verse five encourage you?

Day 142

L

1. Read [Psalm 31](#) or [listen](#).
2. What does verse 22 say? What did David think? Does he really think that? Was it true? (answer: David is having all sorts of troubles and says, without thinking, "God has forgotten me." God hadn't forgotten him. God heard his prayers. David obviously doesn't believe it either because he reminds us all to have hope and that God will help them.)

M

1. Read [Psalm 31](#) or [listen](#).
2. What does the second half of verse 10 say? (Use the "listen" link or click on the little B at the end to see another way of translating that verse.) (answer: David is "wasting away" because of his sin. But, he still calls out to God. That is not the time to abandon God. That's the time to call on God to help you.)
3. What does verse 22 say? What did David think? Does he really think that? Was it true? (answer: David is having all sorts of troubles and says, without thinking, "God has forgotten me." God hadn't forgotten him. God heard his prayers. David obviously doesn't believe it either because he reminds us all to have hope and that God will help them.)

Day 143

L

1. Read [Psalm 32](#) or [listen](#).
2. You read on Day 114 about David "wasting away" because of his sin. He talks about again in verse 3.
3. What was happening to David? (hint: verse 4) (answer: He was being punished. There are bad consequences to sin. God also wants to show you how bad sin is so that you will repent, so that you'll stop sinning!)
4. Does it work? What happens in verse 5? (answer: Yes, David confessed his sin and was forgiven.)

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Day 144

L

1. Read [Psalm 33](#) or [listen](#).
2. There are so many good things in here! What verse means the most to you? That He spoke the whole world into being? That He can stop countries from doing evil plans? That we are saved by Him and don't need money and power? That He watches over us? Choose a verse that means the most to you. Share it and tell why.

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Day 145

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 146

L

1. Read [Psalm 34](#) or [listen](#).
2. This Psalm was written after this [event](#), where David pretends to be mad so he wouldn't be killed for being an Israelite.
3. Does David praise his cleverness for escaping?
4. Hold your tongue and read the first part of verse 13 and then hold your lips and read the second part. 

M

1. Read [Psalm 34](#) or [listen](#).
2. This Psalm was written after this [event](#), where David pretends to be mad so he wouldn't be killed for being an Israelite.
3. Does David praise his cleverness for escaping?
4. Praise God by reading aloud some of David's words of praise.

Day 147

L

1. Read [Psalm 35:17-28](#) or [listen](#).
2. People are lying about David and fighting against him. Is David planning how he's going to get revenge? (answer: No, he's asking God to give them what they deserve.)

M

1. Read [Psalm 35](#) or [listen](#).
2. What is David's reaction to people spreading lies about him? (answer: He prays. He asks God to bring justice. He doesn't defend himself or take revenge. He asks God to defend him. He trusts that the truth will eventually come out.)

Day 148

L

1. Read [Psalm 36](#) or [listen](#).
2. The Bible says the the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Read verse one. How would fearing the Lord help the unwise person described in the beginning of this Psalm?

M

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Day 149

L

1. Read [Psalm 37](#) or [listen](#).
2. Does verse 4 mean you can be greedy and get anything you want? What will you get? (hint: He will give you what you delight in and you are told to delight in the Lord.)

M

1. Read [Psalm 37](#) or [listen](#).
2. I have a specific memory of verse 1. I was a teenager. I was home on a weekend night and my older brother was at a party where I knew there was probably alcohol. I was in my bedroom and flopped on the bed and opened up my Bible and this verse was right in front of me. It was the first time I felt like the Lord was speaking directly to me through His word. Sometimes "sinners" can look like they are having a lot of fun, but it isn't a lasting happiness. A lot of "fun" is just a mask to cover up loneliness, depression, anger, etc. A life without God is empty and people try to fill it with a whole lot of stuff but eventually or deep down they realize it doesn't really meet their needs.
3. What other good advice is in the Psalm?

Day 150

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 151

L

1. Read [Psalm 38](#) or [listen](#).
2. Why is David in such bad shape? (hint: verses 3 and 5) (answer: David has sinned and is being disciplined. He's feeling God's heavy hand of punishment on him.)

M

1. Read [Psalm 38](#) or [listen](#).
2. Why is David sick, burdened, in pain? (hint: verses 3 and 5) (answer: David has sinned and is being disciplined. He's feeling God's heavy hand of punishment on him.)

Day 152

L

1. Read [Psalm 40](#) or [listen](#).
2. What did David have to do? (hint: verse 1) (answer: Wait! God often requires us to wait before He answers. Will we have faith and keep loving Him and trusting Him or do we just what want we want and only care about ourselves?)
3. Here is a [song](#) based on this Psalm.

M

1. Read [Psalm 40](#) or [listen](#).
2. What did David have to do? (hint: verse 1) (answer: Wait! God often requires us to wait before He answers. Will we have faith and keep loving Him and trusting Him or do we not love Him and just really what want we want and only care about ourselves?)
3. Here is a [song](#) based on this Psalm.

Day 153

L

1. Read [Psalm 42](#) or [listen](#).
2. Sometimes you might feel sad. What is something you can do to feel better? (hint: verse 5) (answer: Keep hope in God that He is taking care of you and everything else and will make it all okay somehow, and we can praise Him that He has saved us. That's always a reason to rejoice and be thankful.)
3. Here's a [song](#) based on this Psalm. (Remember that Psalm means song. That's why there are so many songs written with the words of Psalms.)

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Day 154

L

1. Read [Psalm 43](#) or [listen](#).

2. What verse in this Psalm reiterates a lesson from Psalm 42? (answer: verse 5)

3. Here's a [song](#) about it.



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Day 155

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 156

L

1. Read [Psalm 46](#) or [listen](#).

2. Look at verses 2 and 3. If those things were happening, would you be afraid? How can we trust when awful things are happening? (hint: verse 1) (answer: God is there! He hasn't abandoned us. He is with us through the trouble.)

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Day 157

L

1. Read [Psalm 47](#) or [listen](#).

2. Clap for God!

M

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2. Clap for God!

Day 158

L

1. Read [Psalm 49](#) or [listen](#).

2. What happens to the rich man? (answer: He dies and can't take his wealth with him.)

M

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Day 159

L

1. Read [Psalm 50](#) or [listen](#).
2. What belongs to God? (hint: verse 12) (answer: the world and everything in it)

M

1. Read [Psalm 50](#) or [listen](#).
2. He's talking about sacrifices here. God is saying He doesn't need what they offer Him. Why not? (hint: verse 12) (answer: the world and everything in it)

Day 160

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 161

L

1. Read [Psalm 51](#) or [listen](#).
2. David had sinned. He repented and is asking God to forgive him and not give up on him.
3. Here's a [song](#) from this Psalm. It's from verse 10 where David asks God to make his heart clean and pure.

M

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Day 162

L

1. Read [Psalm 54](#) or [listen](#).
2. Why is he praising God? (hint: verse 7) (answer: God saved him from all of his troubles.)

M

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Day 163

L

1. Read [Psalm 56](#) or [listen](#).
2. The Psalm repeats the phrase, "I will not be afraid." In the one version it says, "I will not fear." But David also says, "When I am afraid, I will trust in you." David feels afraid some times, but then he remembers all that God has done and can do and reminds himself he doesn't have to be afraid. My family sings a song that quotes, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid, What is it that man can do to me?" Then we all yell, "Nothing." We like to sing it over and over and put

in different words for “man” for all the things we shouldn’t be afraid of.

M

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Day 164

L

1. Read [Psalm 61](#) or [listen](#).
2. Can you picture what it would look like to be safe high up on a rock? What would be happening that that would be a safe place?

M

1. Read [Psalm 61](#) or [listen](#).
2. Can you picture what it would look like to be strong tower? Think about what the world was like when David lived, like what Jericho might have looked like with its fortifications. What did it mean to David that God was like a “strong tower?”

Day 165

L/M

1. Click on today’s featured country on [Operation World](#)’s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 166

L

1. Read [Psalm 62](#) or [listen](#).
2. What’s one lesson from this Psalm?

M

1. Read [Psalm 62](#) or [listen](#).
2. What’s one lesson from this Psalm?

Day 167

L

1. Read [Psalm 63](#) or [listen](#).
2. Do you thirst for God? Is He as important to you as water?
3. We’re supposed to [hunger and thirst for righteousness](#). Is it that important to you?

M

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Day 168

L

1. Read [Psalm 65](#) or [listen](#).
2. According to the Psalm, what's one of the amazing things that God has done?

M

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Day 169

L

1. Read [Psalm 66](#) or [listen](#).
2. In verse 10 it says that God tests us (let's us go through hard things) to make us like silver. In other verses it says like gold. Precious metals are refined by fire. They are melted and impurities, little tiny itty bitty bits that aren't gold or silver are removed. God tests us to make our faith stronger and our lives purer.

M

1. Read [Psalm 66](#) or [listen](#).
2. In verse 12 why did God allow them to go through trials, through fire and water? (answer: brought us out to rich fulfillment)

Day 170

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 171

L

1. Read [Psalm 67](#) or [listen](#).
2. What happens when a nation praises God? (hint: verse 6) (answer: the nation is prosperous)

M

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Day 172

L

1. Read [Psalm 68:1-11](#) or [listen](#).
2. Why is God worthy to be praised? What does this Psalm say? (answer: some answers...he takes care of the poor, the orphan, the widow, the lonely)

M

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Day 173

L

1. Read [Psalm 70](#) or [listen](#).
2. David has specific ideas of what should happen to his enemies. He doesn't take matters into his own hands though. He gives them to God for Him to bring about justice. It's not our job. We should not take revenge, get even, pay back. We should let God judge the situation and take care of it.

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Day 174

L

1. Read [Psalm 72:1-14](#) or [listen](#).
2. What are some of the things a good ruler would do (with God's help)?

M

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Day 175

L/M

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.

Day 176

L

1. Read [Psalm 73](#) or [listen](#).
2. Who is the author feeling jealous of? (answer: David sees people sinning, getting rich and seemingly having a great life.)
3. When does he stop feeling jealous? (answer: He's feeling jealous until he enters the temple and worships God. He remembers that God is in control and will bring about justice and will save David in the end.)

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Day 177

L

1. Read [Psalm 75](#) or [listen](#).
2. This Psalm describes God as what? (answer: judge)

M

1. Read [Psalm 75](#) or [listen](#).
2. This Psalm describes God as what? (answer: judge)

Day 178

L

1. Read [Psalm 77](#) or [listen](#).
2. What does David do when he's feeling like God has stopped loving them and not kept his promise? (God hadn't stopped loving him and hadn't broken a promise, but it felt that way while David waited for God's help.) (hint: verses 11-12) (answer: God remembers who God is and what He has done for him and Israel in the past.)
3. What are some things God has done to take care of you and your family in the past that you can remember now and thank Him for to encourage you to remember He will keep loving you and taking care of you.

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Day 179

L

1. Read [Psalm 148](#) or [listen](#).
2. Have you ever thought of lightning, snow and stormy winds praising God? Next time you hear the "stormy winds" remember that they are obeying God!
3. Here's a song, [Indescribable](#). One line is about God telling each lightening bolt where to go.

M

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Day 180

L

1. Click on today's featured country on [Operation World](#)'s site or choose from the map. Read about the country and use the prayer guide.
2. Read [Psalm 150](#) or [listen](#).
3. Here is a picture of a [lyre](#). Some translations say lute. A lyre is a lute where the strings are attached to a yoke.
4. Make an instrument and play it to praise God. (You can just drum on something. That counts!)

M

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